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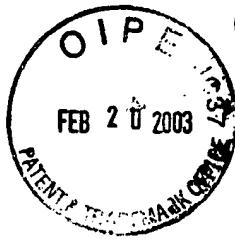
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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002, Applicants are herein submitting photographs of Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 to the official draftsperson. Please substitute these photographs for the drawings currently on file. Applicants are currently trying to secure color photographs, however are, by submitting these black and white photographs are making a good faith effort to keep this application pending. No new matter has been added.

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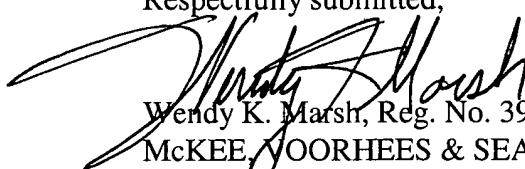
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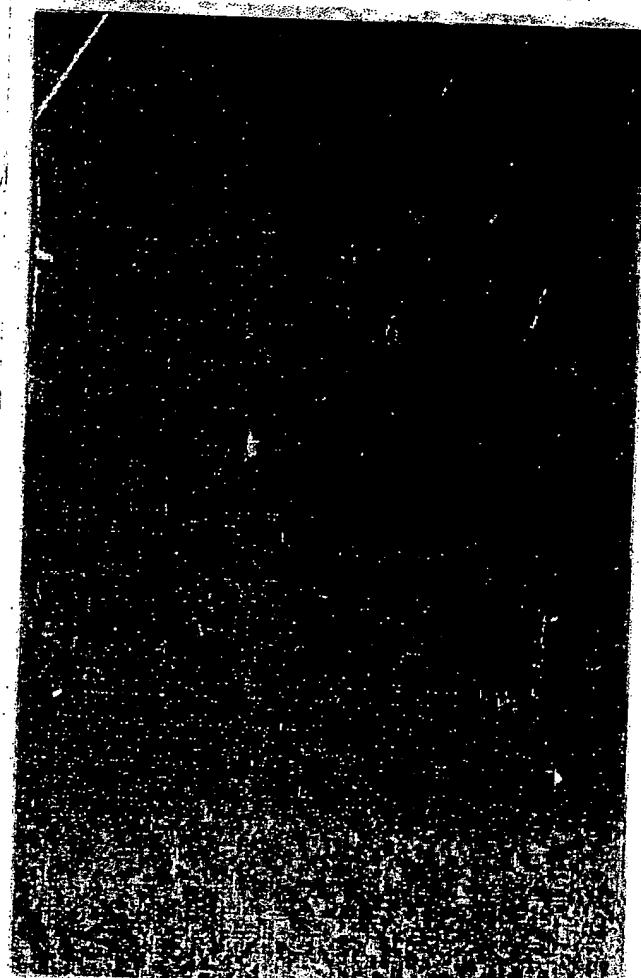
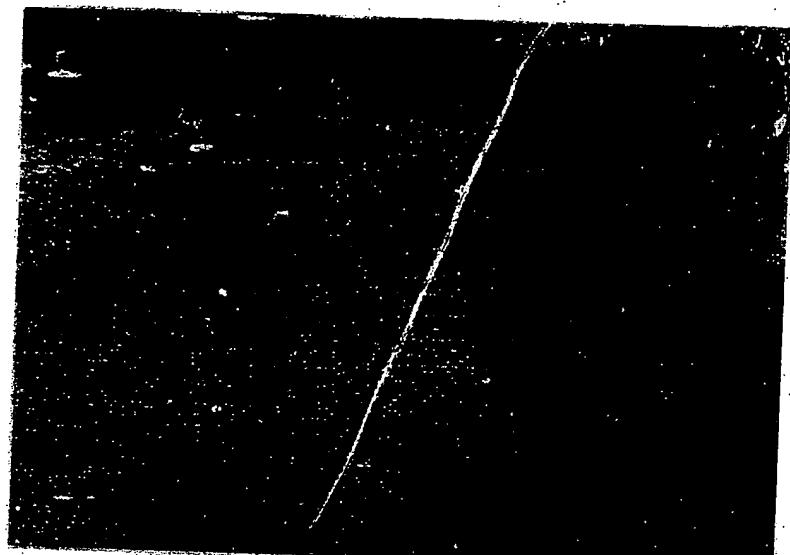
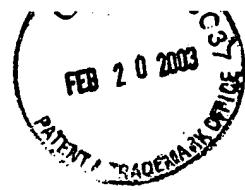
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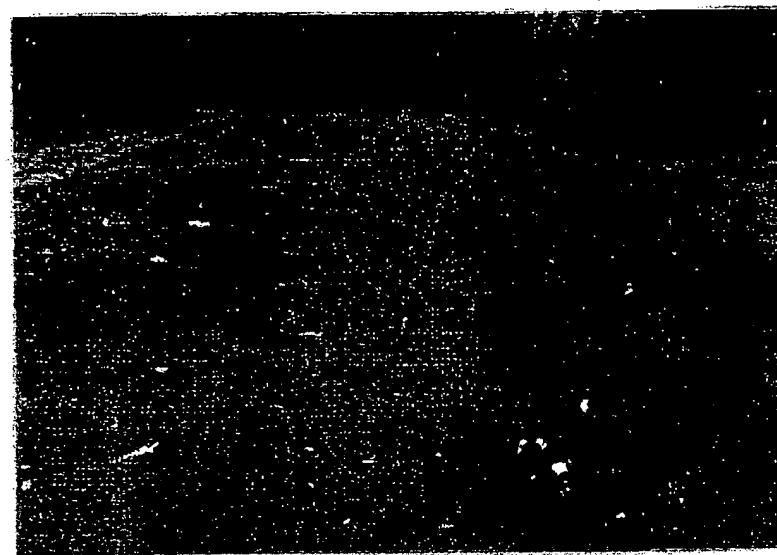


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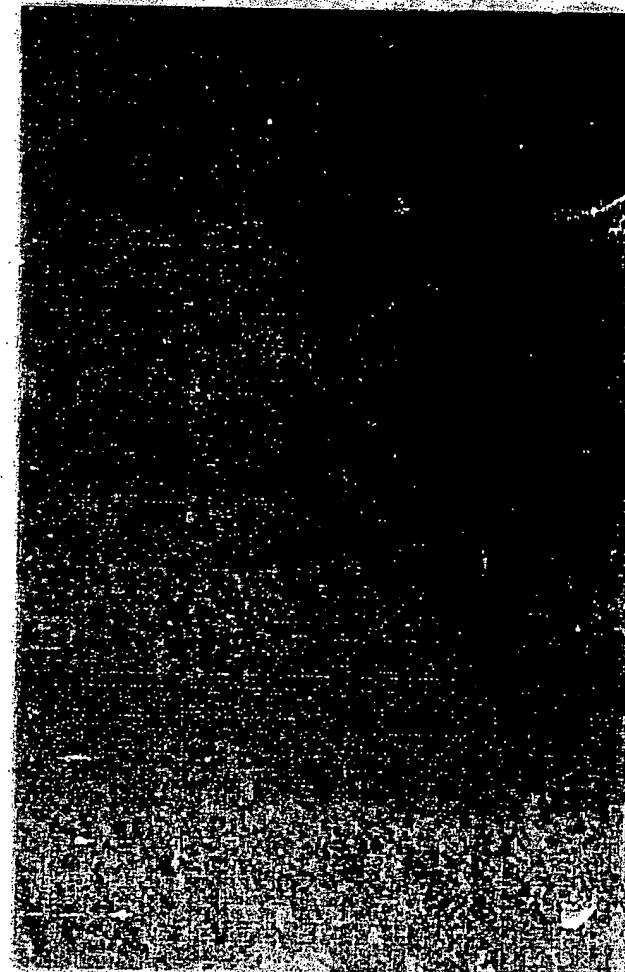


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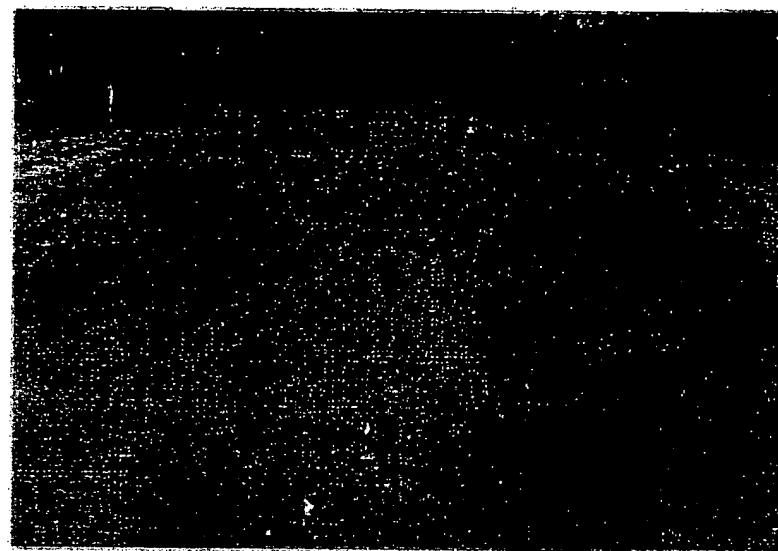
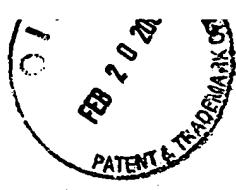


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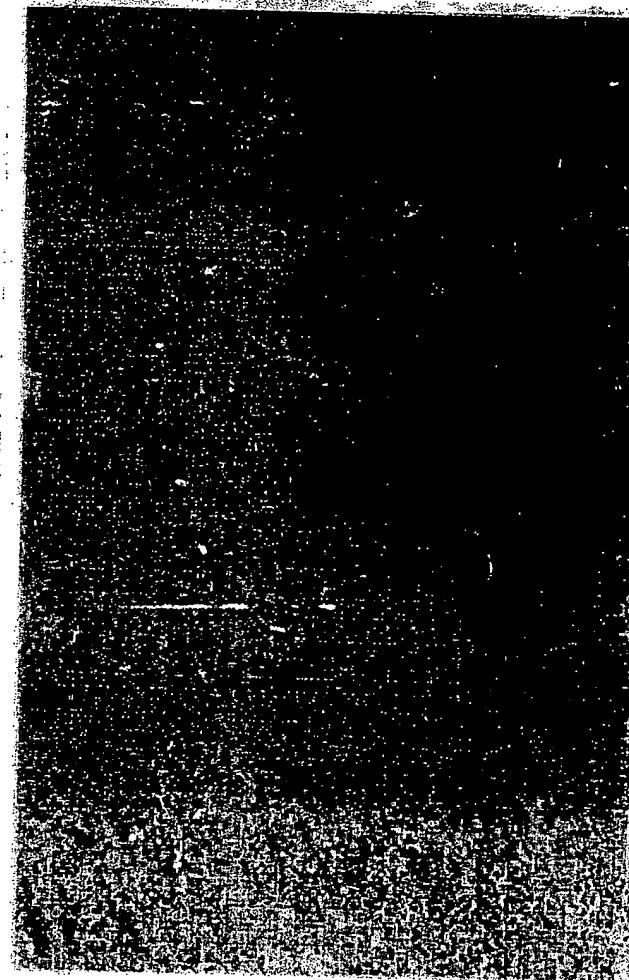


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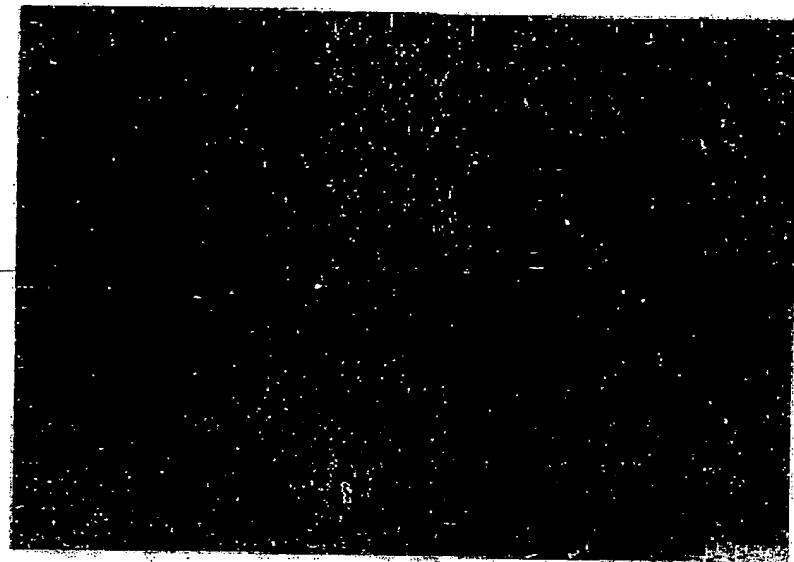
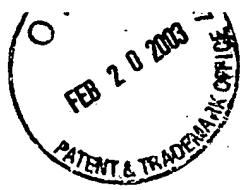


Fig.5A



Fig.5B

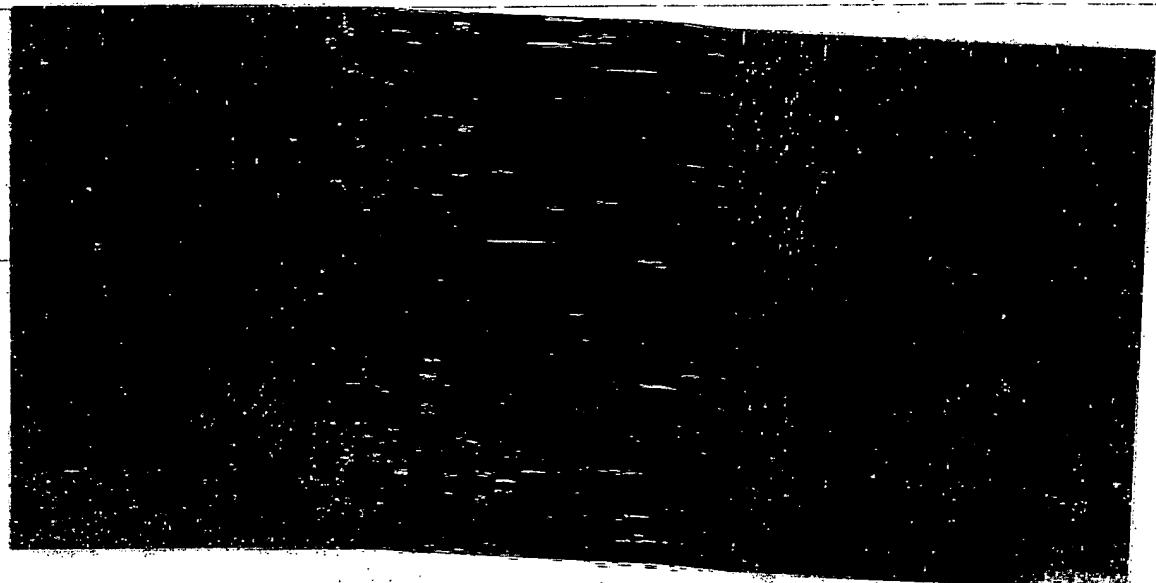


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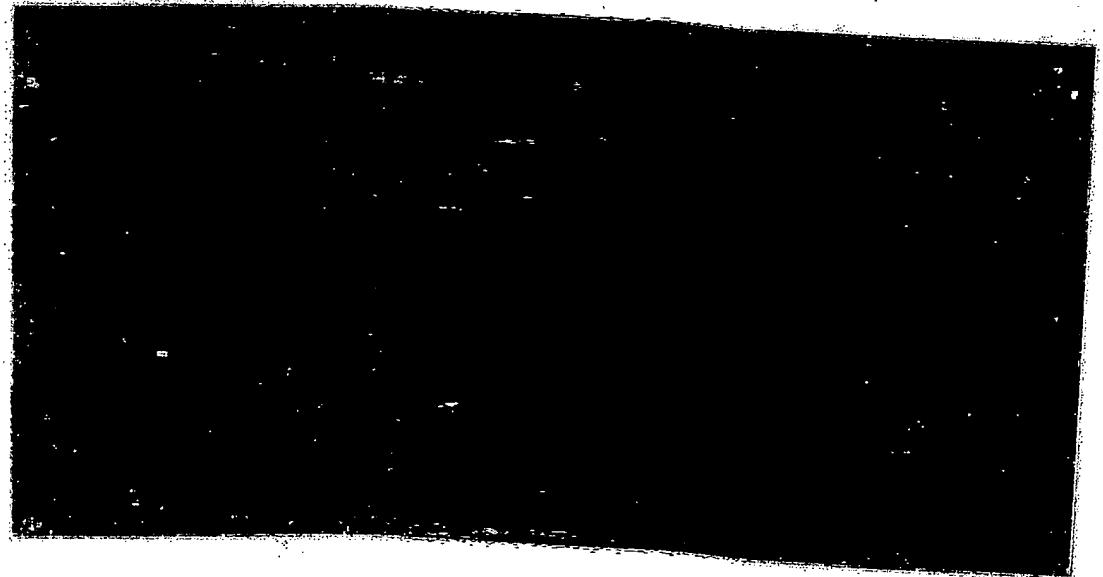


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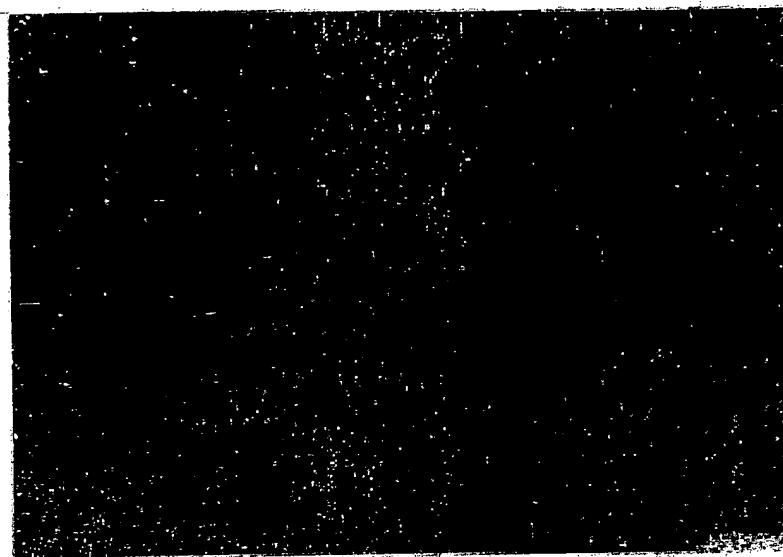


Fig.5A



Fig.5B